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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Mao *et al.*

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**Amendment under 37 CFR §41.33(b)**

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Sir:

This amendment, in accordance with 37 CFR §41.33(b), is submitted further to the appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the decision of Examiner J.N. Fredman mailed September 27, 2006, in which claims 1-14 were finally rejected. Appellants filed a Notice of Appeal on January 26, 2007. Filed herewith is Appellants' Appeal Brief submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.192.